

1. (Amended) A network apparatus comprising:

a management station configured to output a plurality of commands to a plurality of managed devices for stimulating responses from the managed devices,

wherein the management station is configured to identify responding ones of the managed devices by selectively transmitting subsequent commands that are different from the prior commands.

5. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the received responses comprise failed responses.

6. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the management station is configured to compare individual received responses with a device table to identify the device types of responding one of the managed devices.

8. (Amended) A network comprising:

a management station configured to output a first command from a plurality of commands to a managed device to identify the managed device, wherein the management station selectively outputs a second command from the plurality of commands to the managed device if the first command does not provide unique identification of the managed device, the second command being different from the first command.

9. (Amended) The network according to claim 8 wherein the management station and the managed device are individually configured to execute a Simple Network Management Protocol program.

Q3 10. (Amended) The network according to claim 8 wherein the management station is configured to communicate with the management device using Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol.

12. (Amended) The network according to claim 8 wherein a received response associated with the first command comprises a failed response.

Q4 13. (Amended) The network according to claim 8 wherein the management station is configured to compare a response from the managed device with a device table to identify device type.

14. (Amended) The network according to claim 8 wherein the management station is configured to apply a management command to an identified managed device, the applied management command individually corresponds to a device type of the identified managed device.

15. (Amended) A computer program product comprising:
 computer usable program code configured to cause a management station to communicate a plurality of initial commands to a plurality of managed devices of a network;
 computer usable program code configured to cause the management station to identify the managed devices based upon a plurality of initial responses from the managed devices;

24 computer usable program code configured to cause the management station to transmit subsequent commands to the responding ones of the managed devices if the identities are not determined, wherein the subsequent commands are different from the initial commands; and

computer usable program code configured to cause the management station to provide an asset table containing the identified managed devices.

25 18. (Amended) The product according to claim 15 wherein the received initial responses comprise failed responses.

26 22. (Amended) A management station operational method comprising:
outputting a plurality of initial commands to managed devices using a management station to stimulate initial responses from the managed devices;
determining identities of the managed devices based on received initial responses; and
selectively outputting subsequent commands to the managed devices based on the determining step, wherein the subsequent commands are different from the initial commands.

27 27. (Amended) The method according to claim 22 wherein the initial responses comprising failed responses.

28 31. (New) A method for discovering managed devices, the method comprising:
selecting one of a plurality of commands for transmission to one of the managed devices to trigger a response unique to the one managed device;
determining whether a combination of the one command and an associated response from the one managed device uniquely identifies the one managed device; and